

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 21 was objected to for informalities. Appropriate correction has been made by amendment herein.

Claims 20-23 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus claim 20 has been amended herein to incorporate all of the limitations of the original claim 12.

Claims 12-14 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,745,202 to Yamauchi et al. (hereinafter "Yamauchi"). Based on the amendments to claim 12 made herein, the rejection has been rendered moot as explained below.

Claim 12 has been amended to clarify the meaning of "film carrier" as used therein. Specifically, claim 12 now requires "a film carrier comprising said circuit pattern formed on a resin film."

Yamauchi does not teach or suggest a film carrier comprising a circuit pattern formed on a resin film, as required by amended claim 12. In the Office action, the Examiner states that the frame (210) disclosed in Yamauchi is a film carrier. Yamauchi does not disclose that the frame (210) comprises a circuit pattern formed on a resin film as in amended claim 12. Moreover, Yamauchi does not disclose that a circuit pattern could be formed on the frame (210) or suggest in any way that it would be desirable to

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do so. Thus, since every limitation of the claim is not taught or suggested by the reference, claim 12 and its dependent claims 13, 14 and 19 are patentable over the prior art of record.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 30821US2.

Respectfully submitted,

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